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Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird today announced the following appointments:

✓ Richard G. Capen, Jr., presently the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), will become Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs).

Jack L. Stempler, presently Assistant to the Secretary (Legislative Affairs) will become General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force. Mr. Stempler succeeds Mr. John M. Steadman who has resigned to return to private life.

Jerry W. Friedheim will succeed Mr. Capen as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

The appointments will be effective January 5, 1970.

Mr. Capen will continue to serve as a member of the Department of Defense Prisoner of War Policy Committee.

Prior to his appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Mr. Capen served eight years as corporate director of public affairs for Copley Newspapers, La Jolla, California.

Active in civic affairs and the recipient of five Freedoms Foundation Awards for public speaking, Mr. Capen was selected by the California Jaycees as one of the "Five Outstanding Young Men" in California in March, 1969.

Mr. Capen was born in Hartford, Connecticut, July 16, 1934. Following graduation from Columbia University, he was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and served with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. He was released from active duty with the rank of Lieutenant (jg) in February, 1959.

Mr. Capen is married to the former Joan Lambert. They have two children, a son, Christopher Goodwin (5) and a daughter, Kelly Lambert (2).

Mr. Stempler has served in his present position since December, 1965. A career government attorney, he has held various legal positions in the Department of Defense since 1948. He assisted in drafting the Uniform Code of Military Justice in 1949 and in 1953 became Assistant General Counsel

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**RICHARD G. CAPEN, JR.  
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS)**

Richard G. Capen, Jr., was designated Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird effective on January 5, 1970. Prior to that appointment he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, a position he assumed in January 1969.

As part of his responsibilities, he has served since early 1969 as a member of the Prisoner of War Policy Committee which advises the Secretary of Defense on matters affecting U.S. servicemen who are prisoners of war or missing in action.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, July 16, 1934, Mr. Capen received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University in June, 1956. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy that same month and served in the Western Pacific aboard the destroyer USS ERNEST G. SMALL. He was released from active duty with the rank of Lieutenant (jg) in February, 1959.

Prior to his appointment in the Department of Defense, Mr. Capen served eight years as corporate director of public affairs for Copley Newspapers, La Jolla, California. His activities included legislative relations, community and public relations, and overall corporate administrative responsibilities. In addition, he was active as a speaker on radio and television and before civic, business and professional organizations throughout the country.

In recognition of his civic leadership and public speaking endeavors, Mr. Capen was selected in March 1969 by the California Jaycees as one of the "Five Outstanding Young Men" in California. In 1967 he was honored as San Diego's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year." He also has received five Freedoms Foundation awards for his public addresses before various national organizations.

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Per your interest in Dick Capen.